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PATENT APPLICATION  
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Applicant(s): Joachim BERC  
Title: SUPPORTING DEVICE FOR A PERSON'S BACK AND HEAD AREA  
  
Serial No.: 10/520 051                      Group: 3635  
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

EXPRESS MAILING CERTIFICATE

Sir:

I hereby certify that the attached paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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By: Carrie Ash

Date: March 6, 2009

Document(s) attached: Request for Continued Examination (RCE)  
Transmittal dated March 6, 2009  
including enclosures listed thereon

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2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☒ Small entity status is claimed. See 37 CFR 1.27.  
b. ☐ \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 CFR \$1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR \$1.114 when the RCE is filed).

- a. ☒ The RCE fee and any filing fee for claims are calculated as shown below, after entering any amendments which this transmittal indicates are to be entered prior to such calculation:

For	No. Filed	No. Extra	( ) LG Entity	RATE	(X) SM Entity	Fee
Basic RCE Fee				\$810.00	\$405.00	\$405.00
Total Claims	(14 - 20 = 0)		x	\$ 52.00	x \$ 26.00	
Indep. Claims	(2 - 3 = 0)		x	220.00	x \$110.00	
[ ] Multiple Dep. Claim			+	\$390.00	+	\$195.00
* * * TOTAL FILING FEE * * *						\$ 405.00

- b. ☐ Pursuant to 37 CFR \$1.136(a), please extend the shortened period for response by month(s). The extension fee is: \$.
- c. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR \$1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months). Suspension of action fee is \$\_\_\_\_\_ (37 CFR \$1.17(i)).
- d. ☒ A check for \$405.00 is enclosed to cover fees.
- e. ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 06-1382 in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.
- f. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional application processing fees under 37 CFR \$1.17 associated with this communication or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1382.

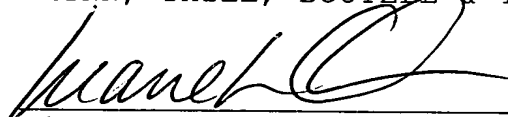
The undersigned is: ☒ an attorney of record

☐ acting under 37 CFR \$1.34.

Please direct all telephone calls to the undersigned at  
telephone number (269) 381-1156.

Respectfully submitted,

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Encl: Listed above

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